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1. REFERENCE A CONTAINED TWO PROPOSALS FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE. REFERENCE B RESPONDED TO THE PROPOSAL TO SWAP SIX USAF C-130E'S FOR TWO PAF 707'S. THE THRUST OF REFERENCE B HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE WITH EMPHASIS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF REFERENCE B. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PAF COME FORWARD WITH A PLAN WHICH REDEFINES THEIR ROLE IN POST COLONIAL PORTUGAL, THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER UNILATERAL ASSISTANCE IS CONSIDERED IN ABEYANCE.

2. THE FIRST OF THE TWO REQUESTS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A, HOWEVER, WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN REFERENCE B. PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE IS STILL ANXIOUS TO MOVE TWO PUMA HELICOPTERS FROM PORTELA AIRPORT IN LISBON TO LAJES AIR BASE IN THE AZORES VIA C-130 OR C-131 AIRCRAFT IN EARLY 1976. EMBASSY BELIEVES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST WOULD BE A CONCRETE INDICATION OF USG DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL AND PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE AT RELATIVELY SMALL COST.
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ACTION REQUESTED. SECSTATE REQUEST AND SECDEF DIRECT USAF TO PERFORM SUBJECT AIRLIFT WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF RECEIPT OF FORMAL REQUEST FROM PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE.
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